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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *19 June 2009*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1,3-5,7,9,11 and 13-18* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1,3-5,7,9,11 and 13-18* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 19, 2009 has been entered.

Claims 2, 6, 8, 10 and 12 are cancelled.

Claims 1, 9 and 13 are amended.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 11, and 13-18 are pending and herein considered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection presented below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 11 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,248,946 to Norman Dwek and further in view of US Patent Application Publication 2001/0051996 A1 to Cooper et al.

Regarding ***Claim 1***, Dwek teaches a user authentication method for an authentication server which executes user authentication between an information terminal and a content providing server interconnected by an open network, comprising the steps of:

registering, at an authentication server, unique identification information (col.4 lines 31-43);

presenting, from the authentication server, to said mobile information terminal, a recommended menu including a plurality of official site access information for accessing predetermined content providing servers, respectively (col.4 lines 26-30 and 43-67; col.10 lines 4-24);

receiving, at the authentication server, from said information terminal, the unique identification information, and a request for registering one of said official site access information for accessing said content providing server with a personal menu via the open network (col.9 lines 31-45; col.10 lines 21-47 and 60-67);

determining, at the authentication server, whether said unique identification information received from said information terminal is registered with said customer database (col.12 lines 15-21; col.15 lines 34-40);

sending a notification from the authentication server to said content providing server by which said requested site is produced, that starting of service provision for said information terminal be permitted, if the unique identification information is found registered with said customer database (col.12 lines 15-21; col.15 lines 34-40);

registering, at the authentication server, said requested official site access information with said personal menu after receiving an acknowledgement response of said notification from said content providing server (col.10 lines 13-67); and

notifying, to said information terminal from said authentication server, a completion of said registration (col.10 lines 35-51).

Dwek fails to teach the abovementioned system wherein the information terminal is a "mobile information terminal" and wherein the unique information corresponds to a mobile information terminal and includes a manufacturer code identifying the manufacturer of the mobile information terminal and an identification code unique to the mobile information terminal and wherein that information is encrypted by a secret key at the Web browser installed on said mobile information terminal.

Dwek also fails to specifically teach transmitting, from said mobile information terminal to said authentication server, a request to connect to the authentication server, transmitting, from said authentication server to said mobile information terminal, a

certificate including a public key of the authentication server, an expiration date of the certificate and a digital signature, verifying an identity of the authentication server at the mobile information terminal based on the received certificate, generating, at a Web browser of the mobile information terminal, a secret key based on the result of the verification, encrypting, at the Web browser of the mobile information terminal, the generated secret key using the public key of the server and transmitting the encrypted secret key from the mobile information terminal to the authentication server.

Cooper teaches a network based content distribution system including a plurality of mobile information terminals (pars 31, 33, 38) wherein each of the devices includes a unique manufacturer code identifying the manufacturer of the mobile information terminal and an identification code unique to the mobile information terminal (pars 159-161) and wherein that information is transmitted in an encrypted form by a secret key (pars 39, 43, 52, 58 “encrypted”) at the web browser (pars 35, 38, 50, 51, 137, 149 “browser”) installed on the mobile information terminal (pars 283, 291 “SSL”).

Cooper also teaches transmitting, from said mobile information terminal to said authentication server, a request to connect to the authentication server (pars 140-145; 273-277), transmitting, from said authentication server to said mobile information terminal, a certificate including a public key of the authentication server, an expiration date of the certificate and a digital signature (pars 145-148, 277), verifying an identity of the authentication server at the mobile information terminal based on the received certificate (par 165), generating, at a Web browser of the mobile information terminal, a secret key based on the result of the verification (pars 197-198, 227, 277), encrypting,

at the Web browser of the mobile information terminal, the generated secret key using the public key of the server (par 225, 277), and transmitting the encrypted secret key from the mobile information terminal to the authentication server (par 218, 227);

It would have been obvious to a person of average skill in the area at the time of the invention to include within Dwek the wireless and security capabilities as described in Cooper as well as the request, certificate, secret key and public key disclosed by Cooper in order to provide for users connected to the Internet and other media and document servers via mobile information terminals such as cellular phones and other handheld devices in a secure and reliable manner.

Regarding ***Claim 3***, the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the user authentication method according to Claim 1, wherein, when registering said site access information, user authentication is performed on the basis of said unique identification information and said mobile information terminal requested to make display for prompting said user to enter a password of the user (Cooper par 126, 148-149, 205, 218).

Regarding ***Claim 4***, the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the user authentication method according to Claim 3, wherein, in the registering, a charging server is instructed to charge said user for the use of a service provided by said content

providing server associated with said site access information at the time of registering said site access information (Dwek col.12 lines 15-21; col.15 lines 35-40).

Regarding ***Claim 5***, the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the user authentication method according to Claim 4, wherein, in the registering, confirming, before instructing said charging server for the charging, that said user is a registered user of said charging server is included (Dwek col.12 lines 15-21; col.15 lines 35-40).

Regarding ***Claim 7***, the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the user authentication method according to Claim 1, wherein the unique identification information is read, by said Web browser, from a flash memory (Cooper pars 39, 126, 130) installed on said mobile information terminal and the retrieved unique identification information is transmitted as encrypted (Cooper pars 39, 43, 52, 58 “encrypted”) by the predetermined encryption algorithm by said Web browser (Cooper pars 35, 38, 50, 51, 137, 149 “browser”) (Dwek col.5 lines 31-43).

Regarding ***Claim 9***, Dwek teaches a user authentication server which executes user authentication between a information terminal and a content providing server interconnected by an open network, comprising

means for registering unique identification information corresponding to said information terminal (col.4 lines 31-43);

means for presenting, to said information terminal, a recommended menu including a plurality of official site access information for accessing predetermined content providing servers, respectively (col.4 lines 26-30 and 43-67; col.10 lines 4-24);

means for receiving, from said information terminal, the unique identification information and a request for registering one of said official site access information for accessing said content providing server with a personal menu via the open network (col.9 lines 31-45; col.10 lines 21-47 and 60-67);

means for determining whether the unique identification information received from said information terminal is registered with said customer database (col.12 lines 15-21; col.15 lines 34-40);

means for sending a notification to said content providing server, by which said requested site is produced, that starting of service provision for said information terminal be permitted, if the unique identification information is found registered with said customer database (col.12 lines 15-21; col.15 lines 34-40);

means for registering the requested official site access information with said personal menu after receiving an acknowledgement response of said notification from said content providing server (col.10 lines 13-67); and

means for presenting, to said information terminal, a completion of said registration (col.10 lines 35-51).

Dwek fails to teach the abovementioned system wherein the information terminal is a “mobile information terminal” and wherein the unique information corresponds to a

mobile information terminal and includes a manufacturer code identifying the manufacturer of the mobile information terminal and an identification code unique to the mobile information terminal and wherein that information is encrypted by said secret key at the Web browser installed on said mobile information terminal.

Dwek also fails to specifically teach means for receiving a request to connect from the mobile information terminal, means for transmitting a certificate to the mobile information terminal, the certificate including a public key of the user authentication server, an expiration date of the certificate and a digital signature, and means for receiving a secret key from the mobile information terminal that is encrypted using the public key of the user authentication terminal, the secret key being generated by a Web browser at mobile information terminal after verifying an identity of the authentication server at the mobile information terminal based on the received certificate.

Cooper teaches a network based content distribution system including a plurality of mobile information terminals (pars 31, 33, 38) wherein each of the devices includes a unique manufacturer code identifying the manufacturer of the mobile information terminal and an identification code unique to the mobile information terminal (pars 159-161) and wherein that information is transmitted in an encrypted form by a secret key (pars 39, 43, 52, 58 “encrypted”) by a web browser (pars 35, 38, 50, 51, 137, 149 “browser”) installed on the mobile information terminal (pars 283, 291 “SSL”) .

Cooper also teaches means for receiving a request to connect from the mobile information terminal (pars 140-145; 273-277), means for transmitting a certificate to the mobile information terminal, the certificate including a public key of the user

authentication server, an expiration date of the certificate and a digital signature (pars 145-148, 277), and means for receiving a secret key from the mobile information terminal that is encrypted using the public key of the user authentication terminal, the secret key being generated by a Web browser at mobile information terminal after verifying an identity of the authentication server at the mobile information terminal based on the received certificate (pars 197-198, 218, 225, 227, 277).

It would have been obvious to a person of average skill in the area at the time of the invention to include within Dwek the wireless and security capabilities as described in Cooper as well as the request, certificate, secret key and public key disclosed by Cooper in order to provide for users connected to the Internet and other media and document servers via mobile information terminals such as cellular phones and other handheld devices in a secure and reliable manner.

Regarding ***Claim 11***, the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the user authentication server according to claim 9 wherein the unique identification information is read, by said Web browser, from a flash memory (Cooper pars 39, 126, 130) installed on said mobile information terminal and the retrieved unique identification information is transmitted as encrypted (Cooper pars 39, 43, 52, 58 “encrypted”) by the predetermined encryption algorithm by said Web browser (Cooper pars 35, 38, 50, 51, 137, 149 “browser”) (Dwek col.5 lines 31-43).

Regarding ***Claim 13***, Dwek teaches a user authentication server which executes user authentication between a information terminal and a content providing server interconnected by an open network, comprising:

a registering module configured to register unique identification information corresponding to said information terminal received from the information terminal with a customer database of said authentication server (col.4 lines 31-43);

an interface configured to present, to said information terminal, a recommended menu including a plurality of official site access information for accessing predetermined content providing servers, respectively (col.4 lines 26-30 and 43-67; col.10 lines 4-24);

an interface configured to receive, from said information terminal, the unique identification information and a request for registering one of said official site access information for accessing said content providing server with a personal menu via the open network (col.9 lines 31-45; col.10 lines 21-47 and 60-67);

a determination module configured to determine whether the unique identification information received from said information terminal is registered with said customer database (col.12 lines 15-21; col.15 lines 34-40);

an interface configured to transmit a notification to said content providing server, by which said requested site is produced, that starting of a service provision for said information terminal be permitted, if the unique information is found registered with said customer database by the determination module (col.12 lines 15-21; col.15 lines 34-40);

a registering module configured to register the requested official site access information with said personal menu after receiving an acknowledgement response of said notification from said content providing server (col.10 lines 13-67); and

an interface configured to present, to said information terminal, a completion of said registration (col.10 lines 35-51).

Dwek fails to teach the abovementioned system wherein the information terminal is a “mobile information terminal” and wherein the unique information corresponds to a mobile information terminal and includes a manufacturer code identifying the manufacturer of the mobile information terminal and an identification code unique to the mobile information terminal and wherein that information is encrypted by a predetermined encryption algorithm by a Web browser installed on said mobile information terminal.

Dwek also fails to specifically teach an interface configured to receive a request to connect to the user authentication server from the mobile information terminal, an interface configured to transmit a certificate including a public key of the user authentication server, an expiration date of the certificate and a digital signature to said mobile information terminal, and an interface configured to receive a secret key from the mobile information terminal that is encrypted using the public key of the user authentication terminal, the secret key being generated by a Web browser at mobile information terminal after verifying an identity of the authentication server at the mobile information terminal based on the received certificate.

Cooper teaches a network based content distribution system including a plurality of mobile information terminals (pars 31, 33, 38) wherein each of the devices includes a unique manufacturer code identifying the manufacturer of the mobile information terminal and an identification code unique to the mobile information terminal (pars 159-161) and wherein that information is transmitted in an encrypted form by a predetermined encryption algorithm (pars 39, 43, 52, 58 "encrypted") by a web browser (pars 35, 38, 50, 51, 137, 149 "browser") installed on the mobile information terminal (pars 283, 291 "SSL") .

Cooper also teaches an interface configured to receive a request to connect to the user authentication server from the mobile information terminal (pars 140-145; 273-277), an interface configured to transmit a certificate including a public key of the user authentication server, an expiration date of the certificate and a digital signature to said mobile information terminal (pars 145-148, 277), and an interface configured to receive a secret key from the mobile information terminal that is encrypted using the public key of the user authentication terminal, the secret key being generated by a Web browser at mobile information terminal after verifying an identity of the authentication server at the mobile information terminal based on the received certificate (pars 197-198, 218, 225, 227, 277).

It would have been obvious to a person of average skill in the area at the time of the invention to include within Dwek the wireless and security capabilities as described in Cooper as well as the request, certificate, secret key and public key disclosed by Cooper in order to provide for users connected to the Internet and other media and

document servers via mobile information terminals such as cellular phones and other handheld devices in a secure and reliable manner.

Regarding **claim 14**, the the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the authentication server according to Claim 13, wherein the recommended menu including a plurality of official site access information includes a plurality of hierarchical levels of categories (Dwek col.10 lines 4-20).

Regarding **claim 15,** the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the authentication server according to Claim 13, wherein the customer database is configured to store a name, age, birthday, gender and address corresponding to a user (Dwek col.10 lines 4-20, 52-59).

Regarding **claim 16**, the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the authentication server according to Claim 15, wherein the authentication server uses at least one of the name, age, birthday, gender and address corresponding to a user to generate the recommended menu (Dwek col.10 lines 4-20, 52-59).

Regarding **claim 17**, the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the authentication server according to claim 13, wherein the personal menu includes a plurality of icons, each of which corresponds to a link to a website external to the authentication server (Dwek col.9 lines 58-66; col.10 lines 35-47).

Regarding **claim 18**, the combined method of Dwek and Cooper teaches the authentication server according to claim 13, wherein the authentication server and the content providing server are remotely connected via the Internet (Dwek col.4 lines 53-67).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamara Teslovich whose telephone number is (571) 272-4241. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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